Rural Dispensaries.

425 ❋ **MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMATH** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of rural dispensaries subsidised by them;

(*b*) the places where such dispensaries are established; and

(*c*) the conditions on which subsidy is granted to such dispensaries?

VAIDYA SASTRA KUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE (*Ag. Darbar Physician*): (*a*) Two.

(*b*) Puliyara and Edappalli.

(*c*) Under the grant-in-aid rules.

Manure Depot at Shertala.

426 ❋ **MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was a Government Manure Depot at Shertala;

(*b*) if so, for how long;

(*c*) when it was closed; and

(*d*) why that Manure Depot was closed?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) For about eight years.

(*c*) In 1098 M. E.

(*d*) Because a private individual came forward to conduct the sale of manures on commission agency system.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know whether any manure depot was abolished in pursuance of the commission agency system other than the one at Shertala?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know, whether the sale of manures on commission agency system still continues?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The Government are not aware.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know when that system was introduced?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): In 1098.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know when the commission agency system, given to an individual, was abolished?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Does the member want information with reference to Shertala?

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Yes. May I know whether this commission agency system given to the private individual still holds good and, if not, when was it discontinued?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): We are not aware of the fact that it was discontinued. There is no report to that effect.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Am I to understand that, in the course of the last 14 years, no communication was received from that private individual?

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